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SUBJECT: TRANSKEI TRAVEL DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO CROSS BORDER

REF: MASERU 1323 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

1. TRANSKEI FOREIGN MINISTER DIGBY KOYANA TOLD "RAND DAILY MAIL" REPORTED NOVEMBER 9 THAT TRANSKEI HAD NOT CLOSED ITS BORDERS WITH LESOTHO AS CLAIMED BY LESOTHO AMBASSADOR TO UN. KOYANA SAID THAT NO LESOTHO CITIZEN HAD BEEN TURNED AWAY BECAUSE HE WAS FROM LESOTHO. HOWEVER, HE ADMITTED THAT "SCORES" HAD BEEN REFUSED ENTRY BECAUSE THEY DID NOT POSSESS VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENTS. TO ENTER TRANSKEI, HE STATED, ONE "MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THE SOVEREIGNTY OF TRANSKEI AND APPLY
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FOR THE REQUIRED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS". VISAS ARE REQUIRED

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OF ALL EXCEPT SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONALS. THE WHOLE DISPUTE, HE ADDED, WAS LESOTHO'S FAULT BECAUSE THEY WERE "NOT FORCED TO FOLLOW THE UNITED NATIONS DECISION NOT TO RECOGNIZE TRANSKEI".

2. COMMENT: KOYANA HAS FRANKLY CONFIRMED AMBASSADOR MOLAPO'S CHARGE THAT TRANSKEI WAS TRYING TO FORCE LESOTHO TO RECOGNIZE. HE MAKES IT VERY CLEAR THAT RECOGNITION IS PREREQUISITE TO GRANTING TO TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION BY TRANSKEI. IT IS NOT CLEAR YET IF THIS HARD-NOSED ATTITUDE ALSO APPLIES TO COUNTRIES OTHER THAN BLS, WHICH TRANSKEI MAY CONSIDER PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO PRESSURE.
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